

NO PAPER.

There will be no paper issued from this office tomorrow as the proprietor wishes to practically observe Arbor day.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ARBOR DAY.

The passage of the Arbor Day bill by the last Legislature, was of more actual benefit to the State than all the rest of the legislation combined. If Arbor Day is properly observed in Nevada for ten years, and a systematic effort made to encourage the growth of trees, it means an increased rainfall for this State, that will enable a million acres of sagebrush lands to be made to yield the most abundant crops in the United States. Whenever water has been brought onto the sagebrush land of Nevada, the result has astonished the most sanguine and today the agricultural products of this State, command a premium in San Francisco, New York and New Orleans. Twenty years ago Nebraska was the first State in the Nation to adopt an Arbor Day.

The originators of the scheme were laughed at as cranks, and the Legislature which enacted the law considered it more of a harmless joke than otherwise. A subsequent Legislature took a different view of the matter and offered a premium of \$1,000 cash, to the man in Nebraska planting the most trees on Arbor Day.

This was denounced by several short-sighted people, as a reckless expenditure of public money, but it bore its fruit and this formerly, despised Arbor Day, has transformed a treeless region into a stretch of magnificent agricultural life and added millions of dollars to the taxable property of the State.

It will not take many years for Nevada to be transformed in the same way, and make every inch of sagebrush land, now lying idle, to become valuable as the annual rainfall increases. The fact is no longer disputed, that an increase of tree growth, invariably produces an increase of rainfall in the Summer months, when it is most needed.

—The New York Times in an editorial says: The abolition of free passes, at least so far as inter-State transportation is concerned, ought to sensibly increase the net revenues of the railroad companies. President Adams of the Union Pacific told the Congressional Committee that the free pass transportation on his road would yield \$700,000 per annum at regular rates. It has been estimated that the Pennsylvania road would gain \$200,000 a year by withholding passes. A Director of the St. Paul road says his company will gain \$300,000. An officer of the Burlington Company asserts that 20 per cent. of the passenger transportation on his road has been free, and believes that 40 per cent. of this free transportation will be retained at regular rates. It is said that there are roads in the West on which, at certain seasons of the year, one-half of the passengers have been deadheads.

—Congressman Woodburn, who is at the Baldwin in San Francisco, is represented by the Post as having said that before he left Washington it was understood among the Republican members of Congress that if the Democrats nominate Cleveland next year there will be but one course for the Republicans to pursue, and that will be to nominate Blaine. A confident feeling prevails that Blaine can be elected over Cleveland.

—The Democratic St. Louis Republican believes that the South will cast its vote solidly again in 1888 for the Democratic Presidential candidate, but that it will be the last time it will occur. The Hon. Henry Watterson, of the Courier-Journal, is reported by an interviewer as saying: "I am looking every year for a break-up of the solid South, and it will be a good thing for the country when it comes."

—It is said that his reappointment as Surveyor General of Nevada was a great surprise to General Irish.

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